

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

METHOD FOR PROVIDING PLATFORM INDEPENDENT BUSINESS RULES

- 5 A method for providing platform independent business rules include encoding business rules in extensible style language translator ("XSLT"), thereby creating a platform independent XSLT business rule component, is provided. The XSLT business rule component is loaded into or coupled with a platform dependent business engine, which results in a platform dependent business engine whose behavior is based on the platform independent business rules. In particular, the method provides a way to produce or obtain a number of platform dependent business engines whose core behavior can be based on the same platform independent business rules. In addition, when the business rules change, the platform dependent business engines can be updated by encoding the changed business rules in XSLT. Similarly, XSLT encoded business rules can be used
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- 15 drive the core behavior of a common business service ("CBS") unit.

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